

# STATE OF ILLINOIS



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery is working in collaboration with the Illinois Council on Problem Gambling and the Illinois Gaming Board to promote March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month; and,*

*WHEREAS, promoting awareness provides individuals in the gambling problem community an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the social and financial effectiveness of services available for problem gambling; and,*

*WHEREAS, the state offers a myriad of services aimed at treating gambling problems, including outpatient treatment programs for gambling disorders throughout the state, a toll-free Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER, and a website aimed at providing resources for problem gambling at [www.AreYouReallyWinning.com](http://www.AreYouReallyWinning.com); and,*

*WHEREAS, gambling problems are a public health issue affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities and has a significant societal and economic cost; and,*

*WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals, and organizations have dedicated their efforts to educating the public about gambling problems and the availability and effectiveness of treatment; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery, in collaboration with the Illinois Council on Problem Gambling and the Illinois Gaming Board, invites all residents in Illinois to participate in Problem Gambling Awareness Month;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2025 as **Problem Gambling Awareness Month** in Illinois and encourage all Illinoisans to support those in treatment and recovery from a gambling disorder.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,  
this TWENTY-EIGHTH day of FEBRUARY, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
TWENTY-FIVE, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundred and SIXTH.*



*Alexi Giannouch*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR